



artist

Thomekk

by Legion Hush

Country folk, Avant jazz rock, Industrial; this is part of the eclecticism which belongs to German composer, producer, and songwriter Thomekk (Thomas Kallweit).

From performing instrumentals in "Glückwunschsysteme" (Congratulation System) with fellow bandmates Andre O Möller (now a successful New Music composer), Ulrich Möller, and Stefan Krausen, to playing guitar on a project mixed by Silverman from the Legendary Pink Dots, Thomekk has been actively involved in the music scene for over 20 years. And, at age 42, he has only begun.



[Influences]

"In 1984, I became part of an industrial/art rock scene around the legendary Dusseldorf record shop 'Heartbeat Records'. I was in this art rock band called 'Spalanzanis Tochter' which had all this multimedia on stage including costumes. We were influenced by bands like The Work, This Heat, The Residents and Skeleton Crew. Another art rock band called 'Liebe' which I played guitar and sang vocals for was influenced by Charles Mingus, the Legendary Pink Dots, Golden Palominos and Red Hot Chili Peppers."

[Turn-about Records]

"I played instrumentation along with an Indian vocalist named Ajoy Misra in a band called 'Po & Aals Mund' (Bum and Eels mouth). In 1988, Turn-about Records released two compilations [First Strike and Second Strike] featuring tunes from Po & Aals Mund as well as Spalanzanis Tochter. I also released four solo recordings on this label under the alias 'Eiterschlangen' which means Purulent Snakes."

[Most reliable band]

"My solo gigs under the name 'Thomas Liebe' featured my ghetto blaster as a backup band. I would do karaoke on small stages. Sometimes I would perform in public, singing songs without any musical accompaniment."

[ADF]

In 2003, Thomekk commenced his first radio play project called Paprika Town, which is about vegetables living in their own town where humans cannot eat them. The 2 hour play was 3 years in the making and came complete with 14 narrators (German). At the end of 2006, ADF, a small independent net label, was formed to promote the official release of Paprika Town as well as past and future projects.

"My most recent release [Jan. 07] is "Kleine Hoehle auf dem Berg." Upcoming releases will be 'Dark Story' from the band Sonic Ensemble (instrumental project) as well as the self titled 'FahrscheinGefahr' which features vocalist Kerstin Bohlin (www.myspace.com/fahrscheingefahrr)."

[Gear]

"FL Studio over all! I started using it when it was midi only and was so pleased when the audio-functions were added in 4.0. I also bought Energy XT because I liked the idea. I still like the idea but right now I don't use it, which can change. The rest is old-fashioned hardware: 2 E-Guitars, one western-g, one nylon-g, one fake-Steinberger bass, a semi-electric mandolin, Casio CZ-1 Keyboard mainly used for midi-playing, and my beloved Korg MS10 which was used for so many years in the pre-computer era. All my mixing is done with my computer which is a Sempron AMD. Plus, I use a Dell-lappy for live performances in combination with an M-Audio Ozone Live-Soundcard. Both have Win XP (SP2), 1 GB RAM."

[Favorite recording tool]

"Adobe Audition! FL Studio's wave editor lacked features before the arrival of Edison which is why I chose Audition. It's wonderfully easy to use for complex audio-projects: for example, mixing down/ mastering a whole album or making a radioplay with sometimes 60 parallel tracks. It has lots of very good features like "grouping" selected tracks and freeze, both which FL Studio doesn't have."

[Number one feature request to make the recording process easier]

"What would be helpful within the FL audio section are slip editing and the ability to non-destructively 'group' selected audio-parts in the playlist."

[Pimp an artist]

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A really great artist with lots of facets worth checking out.

To check out more projects on ADF, visit www.adf.musik-und-text.de

You can also check out Paprika Town (in German) at www.paprikatown.de and Thomekk's MySpace page at www.myspace.com/thomekk1